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Regular Meeting Minutes: December 1, 2009

Held at: 1315 Main St. Willimantic, CT 06226

Present: J. Castillon, M. DeMarco, M. Flexer, J. Hollister, C. Kraus, O. Kurnyk-Ezis, J. Patton, D. Pinney, I. Rolón, P. Royer, D. Von Husen, M. Phillips (by phone) Absent: V. Gomez, J. Vasquez, R. Lanzit, S. Gordon, A. Gruenberg, J. Sacilowski Staff Present: P. DeBiasi, P. Lacerda, M. Beauregard, K. Crees

Topic	Discussion	Action
Call to Order/ Roll Call	The Chair called the meeting to order at 4:15 pm	The roll was called and a quorum was present.
Public Time	No one present to speak.	
Consent Agenda	<p>The November Finance Report was removed from the Consent Agenda because it was not included in the initial board packet. The rest of the consent agenda was:</p> <p>➤ Minutes:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">○ October Board of Directors' Meeting○ November Finance and Funding Committee○ November Program and Strat. Planning Committee○ November Board Development and Governance Committee <p>➤ Reports</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">○ November President/CEO○ Progr. and Strat. Planning Committee Status report	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• The Consent Agenda was accepted. <p>Finance report was reviewed separate from the Consent Agenda, accepted as presented and placed on file.</p>
Action Items: <i>Board FY 2010 Work-Plan</i> ----- <i>By-Laws</i> ----- <i>2010 Board Meeting Schedule</i>	<p>➤ The Work Plan, first presented of action in October, was re-presented by the Program and Strategic Planning Committee for board action.</p> <p>-----</p> <p>➤ Proposed changes to the By-laws presented by the Board Development and Governance Committee for action. For details, see summary sent with meeting packet.</p> <p>-----</p> <p>➤ CY 2010 Board meeting schedule presented by BDG Comm. for action. For details, see schedule sent in meeting packet.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Motion (Kraus/Kurnyk-Ezis) passed unanimously to accept the Board's FY 2010 Work Plan as presented.-----• Motion (Flexer/Kraus) passed unanimously to adopt the By-Law changes as proposed.-----• Motion (Kraus/Kurnyk-Ezis) passed 9-1 (Flexer) to accept the schedule as presented.

<p>Discussion and Possible Action:</p> <p><i>Effective Advocacy</i></p>	<p>Discussed effective advocacy techniques including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • personalized letter and calls from constituents to legislators, • target legislators with an existing interest in an issue, hold events to "tell our story", • be a source of objective information, • be a center of excellence that the community and legislators know they can count on. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Motion (Flexer/Kurnyk-Ezis) passed unanimously to authorize an Ad Hoc committee to plan an open house/informational event in January for legislative and other political leaders. • Committee members (Mary, Olga, Dolly Ines and Mae) will meet soon to plan the event and report back at the Board's January meeting.
<p>Info Items:</p> <p><i>"Children in Recession" Task Force Report</i></p> <p><i>Oper. Updates:</i></p> <p><i>Senior Housing</i></p> <p>-----</p> <p><i>Poverty Incubator</i></p>	<p>Elaine Zimmerman from the Children's Commission gave an overview of child poverty in CT and the work of the legislature's Task Force on Children in the Recession. The Task Force will hold hearing around the State to collect information to meet its charge to: Recommend Efficiencies and Streamline Access to family/children services, Identify Federal funding CT can access, and collect data on Employment and Food Security issues.</p> <p>-----</p> <p>The Town of Tolland has informed us that they would like us to be the sponsoring agency for a HUD 202 senior housing development grant submission for the town this coming spring.</p> <p>-----</p> <p>➤ We received 27 letters of interest to "Break the Cycle of Poverty" RFP, which will be funded through ARRA. "Winner" will be selected by a review committee in early January.</p>	<p>No action required.</p> <p>10 JAN - 4 AM 10:50 RECEIVED VERNON TOWN CLERK</p>
<p>Old/New Business</p>	<p>None</p>	
<p>Adjournment</p>	<p>Meeting adjourned at 6:05 p.m.</p>	<p>Next Meeting: January 5, 2010 4:00 - 6:00 PM 1315 Main Street, Williamantic</p>